

Subject: Re: Date of election

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To: GSA President <pres@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu>

CC: Andrew Thomas <andrew@thewestwoodvillage.com>, Mike Fong <mike.fong@lacity.org>, Gibson Nyambura <Gibson.Nyambura@lacity.org>

Hi, Michael,

Hope all is well. Thanks for your email. We're happy to correct information when we can.

We'll discuss election date issues once we get to that point. City Clerk initially ruled out multiple election days for subdivision elections because of voter security issues though so it'll likely be only one election day.

Have a great weekend and see you next week!

Best,
Grayce

On Friday, March 9, 2018, GSA President <pres@gsa.asucla.ucla.edu> wrote:
Dear Grayce,

Thank you for correcting the rumor that we insisted on May 22nd (she's also been spreading a rumor that we are also insisting that there only be one polling place and that it be on campus).

But while we did not request the May 22nd date, we actually do think it's important that the election be held on a weekday. I discussed this with Andrew from the BID and we concurred that if the election were held on a Sunday, that would exclude many of the business workers who commute to Westwood as well as tens of thousands of commuting UCLA students, faculty and staff. While I'm not sure who is uniquely available on Sundays, and while Tuesdays work well enough for all of our national elections, I would not be opposed to having a polling place open on Sundays *in addition* to a weekday. But have polling places on a weekday is critical to allowing all of Westwood's Stakeholders to participate in the democratic process.

Best regards,
Michael Skiles
President, UCLA Graduate Students Association
Graduate Chair, UC Council of Student Body Presidents

On Fri, Mar 9, 2018 at 1:40 PM, Grayce Liu <grayce.liu@lacity.org> wrote:
Hi, Lisa,

Hope all is well. Thanks for the email. There has been a lot of misinformation circulating about this subdivision so I would appreciate it if you could confirm your information before stating it as fact. I did not say that Westwood Forward selected the May 22nd election date. This date was provided by the City Clerk as the earliest date they could assist us with conducting a Westwood subdivision election if the application moved to that phase. They also stated it was likely the latest date that could be set this fiscal year because of the Memorial Day holiday and the UCLA students going into finals in early June. That's why that date is in our February 9th letter to the Formation Committee.

When the Formation Committee came to City Hall to discuss the boundaries issue last week, we explained why that date was selected by the City Clerk. I can check with City Clerk if there is some wiggle room in changing that date to an earlier weekend if the subdivision application is approved next week to move to the election phase, and everyone is agreeable to less outreach time. Stakeholders will also have the opportunity to vote by mail so that should help those who cannot go to the polls the day of the election.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Best,

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On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 12:02 PM, Chapman, Lisa
<LChapman@mednet.ucla.edu> wrote:

Gibson and Grayce,

Michael Skiles of Westwood Forward said at a public meeting today that they did not ask for the election date of May 22nd, which is on a Tuesday.

You told me that date was chosen rather than a weekend because Westwood Forward asked for that.

Which is it??

ALL neighborhood Council elections have been implemented on a weekend in our region, so the broadest group of stakeholders could participate.

Why was a Tuesday chosen?

This needs to be changed to a weekend date.

Please advise ASAP.

Thanks,

Lisa

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